

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend pages 7-8 of the specification as follows:

The present invention is directed to a door skin D having a naturally appearing wood grain pattern formed in an exterior surface 10, as best shown in Figure 1. The wood grain pattern may be formed using an etched plate, such as in an embossing plate or molded die set, or other ~~process~~ processes known in the art. As best shown in Figure 2, exterior surface 10 of door skin D comprises a plurality of spaced grooves 12 that are formed into exterior surface 10, and simulate wood ticks as found in natural wood. Each one of grooves 12 is defined by opposing walls 14 and a base 16. A plurality of outer portions 18 lie on a first plane that includes the most exteriorly disposed surfaces of exterior surface 10. Interfaces 15 interconnect and are integral with outer portions 18 and walls 14. Preferably, interfaces 15 are curved. Outer portions 18 separate adjacent grooves 12. Preferably, grooves 12 are recessed from the first plane from between about 0.005 inches to about 0.015 inches, and may have variable widths and depths. As such, outer portions 18 may also have variable widths, as best shown in Figure 2. The depth of grooves 12 may vary beyond this range depending on the substrate used to form door D, as well as the wood species being simulated. For purposes of explanation, the depths described herein simulate a wood grain pattern such as found in ash wood.